



Kids of Honor aids struggling students

By Caroline Watson

Salisbury students, as well as the local community, are encouraged to raise awareness concerning a new program called Kids of Honor, which is primarily aimed toward underserved middle school students.

The program will be offered to students in the Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties where a high percentage of no diploma rates were discovered. The goal of the program is to get kids excited about learning and to encourage them to do better.

Paula Morris, a member of the department of managing and marketing in the Perdue School and founder of Kids of Honors (KOH), worked with other contributors to come up with the program that will ultimately help to increase the amount of high school graduates.



Photo by Michelle Bennett

"Kids of honor began as a project for marketing class and has become a way to encourage students to finish school." -Candace Mattingly

Morris, along with students in her promotion management class, are working to spread the word about the program which will offer a \$500 dollar check to the chosen Kid of Honor at the end of the year.

"There is a string attached to the \$500 dollar check and that's the incentive," said Morris. She said the check does not go directly to the student, but instead it is invested in the bank and the child cannot touch it until he/she graduates from high school.

Marie Dougherty, a senior who is in Morris's promotional management class, said that by helping with the KOH program, students can do good for the community and will feel better about themselves for helping out.

"It's not a program that stands alone,"

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"I'm glad to get involved in Kids of Honor." - Marie Dougherty

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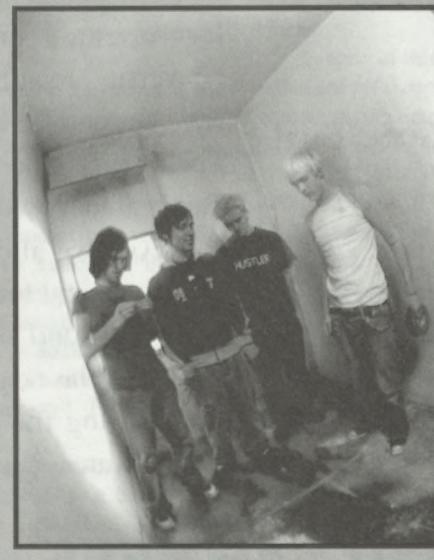


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Horizons: coming out of the closet

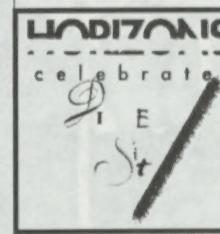
By Shane Jacobus

The Student Affairs Committee has organized a series of sessions dealing with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) issues in order to maintain an all-inclusive campus community. The program is aptly titled "Horizons" because it primarily focuses on encouraging LGBT students to come out of the closet.

"Basically, we're trying to help students come to terms with being gay," said Jim McCallops, Horizons trainer and associate professor of the history department. "So they don't feel alone and have a place to go to for guidance."

Aside from providing guidance for LGBT students, Horizons also educates the instructors about these issues.

"The idea is so that faculty and staff



could be more receptive to LGBT students," said Dr. Chrys Egan of the communication arts department. "That way we could be more supportive of their community."

Horizons began over four years ago around the time Matthew Shepard, an openly gay college student, was tied to a post and beaten to death in an apparent hate crime. Many Americans expressed outrage at the nature of this offense. However, others stated that Shepard must not be regarded as a martyr because he lived an amoral life and would be punished for it in the hereafter.

Many clerics have condemned LGBT lifestyles in reference to the Bible. These individuals often wield influence on the

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Commentary: Hesitant consumers threaten a lethargic U.S. economy

By Bryan Shone

The overall status of the U.S. economy has yet to mold into good shape. If you haven't noticed, you should check your pockets. Everyone and their dogs have been affected by some type of budget cut. The market for jobs has tightened and Americans are still in an overall stage of uncertainty.

Sure, positive war results may help consumer confidence increase, but with so many lagging issues, such as September 11, corporate scandals and the immediate concern of SARS, the consumer is still cautious when spending.

The gutsy optimists are counting on a highly successful outcome to the war efforts overseas to intensify the timid American consumer. Others feel as though the war is another reason to feel uncertain. Will gasoline prices continue to rise? Will the possibility of terrorism inflate after the U.S. prevails in Iraq?

According to the Commerce Department, the gross domestic product (GDP) only grew by 1.6 percent in the first quarter of 2003, 0.4 percent lower than the expected value, or 2 percent. There is no doubt that this is due to the uncertainty in consumers and in the business sector.

A healthy economy begs for certainty in its consumers, and once acquired, the industrial sector can supply more to meet the consumer demand. With signs of hesitation among consumers, companies can only put off their expenses further in time.

Unemployment is still high. Accord-

ing to the *New York Times*, almost a half million Americans lost their jobs within the past two months. Businesses find it difficult to hire workers with such undersized budgets.

The first three months of 2003 were also hurt by the violent weather, where some parts of the country experienced weeks of snowed-in employees. Higher energy prices were also a result of the severe weather this winter.

There are some areas of the economy to be content with. The Commerce Department's measure of retail sales grew by 2.1 percent in March, the highest boost since the introduction of zero percent financing in the automobile market, which leaves hopes of a rise in auto sales.

Housing starts strengthened by a reliable 8.3 percent in March, bouncing back from its fall in February, according to *Business Week*. Also, there is a homecoming to cheap financing in the automobile market, which leaves hopes of a rise in auto sales.

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"Tough-love" professor wins Faculty Member of the Year Award

By Cheryl Killman

On April 17 at the Celebration of University Leadership Awards ceremony, a surprised Dr. Haverneen Simmons, professor in the communication arts department, accepted the award for Faculty Member of the Year.

"I had some indication that I might win an award," Simmons says, "but I did not realize that I would win that award."

"I think he deserved it," says senior CMAT major Bridget Dellar. "He's a

reputation for being very demanding,"

"I have a corps of outstanding students

who have taken me for many classes," he says. "The strong students make me a better teacher."

"I can't imagine anyone being more appropriately suited for that honor," says senior CMAT major Nick Deiss.

In addition, Simmons teaches media re-

tations, mentors PIOs and anchors newscasts four times a year in terrorism, HAZMAT and natural disaster classes at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

However, he says, "I consider myself a teacher first and foremost, above and beyond all my other obligations."

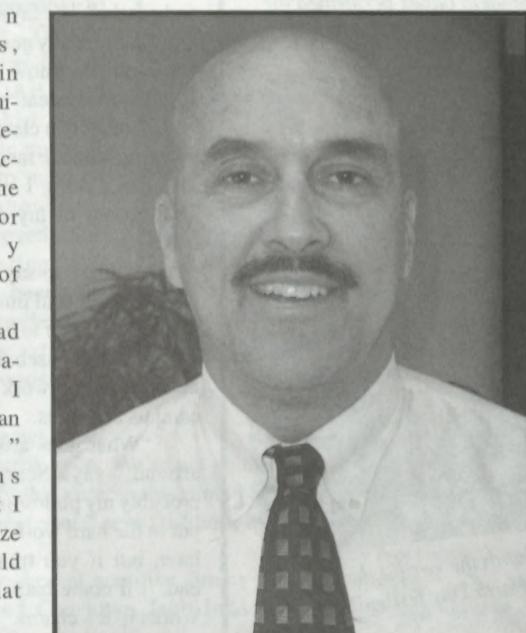


Photo by Constance Mensch

Haven Simmons. He's our guy!

Simmons says, "but this award indicates that many of our students want to be challenged."

He says his teaching style is very pragmatic, based on 15 years experience in and around the media. He is often heard talking about his Public Information Officer (PIO) days for various police departments in Florida.

Today, he is often called for interviews by local TV stations.

In the past six years, Simmons has created four new classes in the CMAT department: Public Relations Cases & Strategies, Public Affairs Reporting, Sports Communication (only taught in the winter semester) and the newest, Media and Criminal Justice.

Despite his tough teaching style, however, Simmons has his faithful followers.

"I have a corps of outstanding students

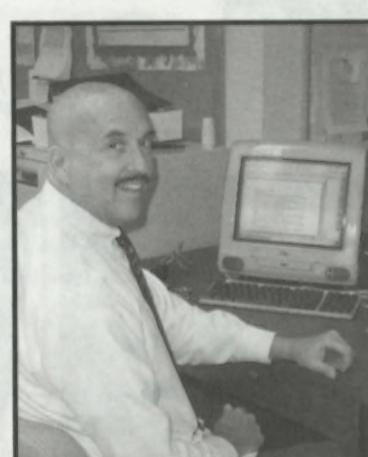


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Dr. Simmons takes time out to pose for the camera.

Student Spotlight: Dane Sears

By Becki Lee

Interning with Major League Baseball, getting great on-the-job experience, meeting famous baseball players – doesn't sound like a typical college kid summer, does it? But then, Dane Sears isn't your typical college student.

The senior communication arts major was chosen to be one of fewer than ten interns for Major League Baseball last summer. Over 90 people had applied.

For the internship, Sears got to live in New York City and spent most of his time helping with the show "This Week in Baseball," a weekly show that features highlights of the previous week's baseball games. As a production assistant, Sears researched facts for the show, cued video clips for the editors and even got to help in a couple on-location shoots, like in Yankee Stadium, where he got to meet several famous baseball players.

"I used to be an avid Yankee hater until I worked in New York City," says Sears, whose favorite team is the Baltimore Orioles. "I thought that after meeting the [Yankees], having casual conversations with them, they're just like genuine people, just like you and I."

"They do make a few more million," Sears quips, "but they're definitely not necessarily the way that all Oriole fans portray them."

"I would love the opportunity to work for a professional sports organization," he says. "My sport of choice is baseball, but

I'm really open to any sport at this point."

Even though he doesn't play a lot of sports in college, Sears keeps himself more than busy with his other campus activities. He is a resident assistant in Chesapeake Hall; the president of Lambda Pi Eta, the communication arts honors society; vice president of Omicron Delta Kappa, a leadership honors society; a member of Saferide; and formerly the president and vice president of the Residence Hall Association.

"When I was little, I always thought about playing baseball [professionally]," Sears says. "But now that I'm getting an education and I've realized that the time has come to stop [playing baseball], I've decided that if I can't play it, I might as well work in it."

Sears says that his ideal job would be working as a general manager for a baseball team, but that he will try to start out in public relations and work his way up.

advisor and a professor of the communication and theater arts department. "I wrote many letters of recommendation for him over the years and as each semester went by, I added several more things that he had

accomplished."

Jacquie Tolan, an RA in St. Martin's, agrees that Sears is very active on campus. "He's so involved. You think he's a big-time person, but he's like all of us," she says. "He's really down-to-earth."

Tolan attests to Sears' skill and dedication at anything he's involved in. "He's always willing to lend a hand," she says. "He's a very good RA, really cares about his residents...He's a really hard worker."

Other people recognize Sears' dedication, too. For example, Sears is actually attending college on a delegate scholarship.

"I wrote [David G. Boschert, Maryland House of Delegates District 33A] a letter and told him I couldn't afford college, basically," Sears says. "I gave him my grades, what I wanted to do in life, what I hoped to receive out of my education...and he responded with a scholarship."

Officials at SU have also noticed Sears' hard work and caring attitude. Last year, Sears was the recipient of the Merwin Leader Scholarship and a Campus Life Award, as well as being entered into "Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities 2002." Earlier this year, President Janet Dudley-Eshbach presented the Daniel Landsman Outstanding Student Leader

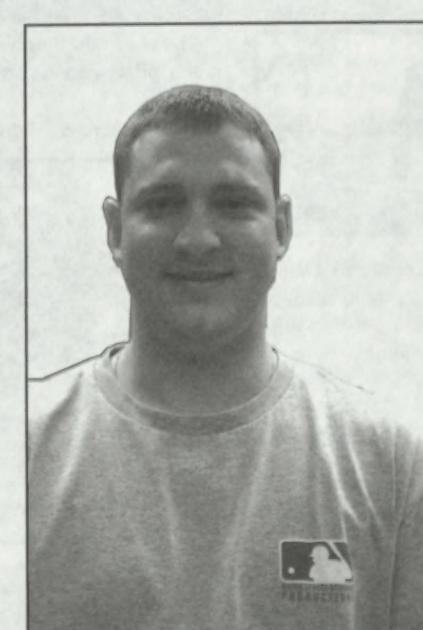


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Dane smiles for the Flyer.

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Students check out the different Earth Day displays.



Students pose with the gorilla that spent the day at the Earth Day festival!

Student bands performed for students at Earth day!

Overheard

By Abby Finestine and Sonia Thompson

What would you do if you won the lottery?



"I would bank some of it and invest some. I would take a tour of the world on a hot air balloon. Oh wait...I know what I would do, I would buy an iceberg, carve it into a pirate ship and then I would be a pirate!"

Lucia Michel, Freshman



"I would donate to Children's Cancer Society. I really would like to donate now, but I really don't have the money. I think kids are definitely worth helping."

Nick Dobrodey, Junior



"I would split it up. Pay off college and major bills, then go on a major shopping spree."

Stephanie Miller, Freshman



"I would finish school, put my sister through college, pay off my parents' mortgage, and invest."

Gwynne Harper, Senior



"I would still stay in school, major in art and be a rich artist. I wouldn't give to the poor, but I would give money to disease foundation."

Kenny Browne, Junior



"I would start my own army and rule the world."

Amir Zare, Sophomore



"I would take a trip to Hawaii, actually buy a house in Hawaii and give to cancer research."

Lauren Marone, Sophomore



"I would pay off all of my loans and then pay off my twin sister's loans. I would buy a new car, and if there is money left over, buy a new house for my parents and get an apartment for myself."

Suzanne Carley, Sophomore

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Award to two students, Sears and Jason McGraw, in memory of one of Sears' Chesapeake residents. And Sears will also receive an award at the upcoming Honors Convocation.

Sears attributes some of his success in college to the outstanding help of the SU faculty.

"They're not just teachers and coaches," he says. "Here, it's like they're really genuine people who you can know on an individual basis instead of just being your teacher in a classroom. [Interacting with the faculty] is definitely one thing I would never give up out of my experiences here."

Needless to say, Sears puts his heart and soul into the things that really matter to him, whether they include baseball, his residents, his schoolwork or his other campus activities.

"What goes around comes around," says Sears. "That's probably my philosophy... If you put in the hard work, it'll pay off later, but if you treat someone bad, it'll come back to get you. Works like a charm."

Get the scoop on the Field Day bands

By Rob Goszkowski

On May 2, the biggest concert event ever to hit Salisbury University will be taking place at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium. This year's Field Day has undergone some serious changes in an effort to bring the biggest and best show possible to SU students.

The admission charge has allowed SOAP and WSUR to hire more bands than in previous years, not to mention hold the show at a vastly improved location (tailgating, real bathrooms, beer vendors and shuttles running from student neighborhoods and campus).

"Selling tickets allows us to break even. We're not going to make a profit this year, so this should help us out for next year," says DJ Short, head of WSUR.

"We looked at acts like Jimmy Eat World, Good Charlotte, Jack Johnson, Newfound Glory [to headline]," says Short. "National acts don't want to play colleges. The Used were a cheaper alternative; they're getting airplay, and have played on the main stage at the HFStival." For those that don't know, here's the skinny on what

The Used and the other bands are about.

The Used: This punk rock band has received heavy airplay for their single "The

ing rhythms, sublime melodies, candid lyrics, dynamic vocals and big guitars," says the band's website. Also, the lead singer will sometimes get so intensely into his music that he'll puke onstage.

Blackalicious: By far, one of the most innovative hip-hop groups around today, Blackalicious is similar to The Used in that they have maintained the original integrity of their music while reaching out to a wider audience. Blackalicious is a hip-hop group from the Bay Area that has been performing and making music for over ten years. Their major label debut, "Blazing Arrow," was met with critical acclaim and has been supported with steady touring. As a result, their live shows are not typical to hip-hop performances and feature back up singers, costumes, and props.

N O T E : Blackalicious is playing at 3:40 due to a scheduling snafu by their management.

The Bouncing Souls: Since 1989, the Bouncing Souls have paid their dues with constant touring, six full albums, and numerous of 7" records and EP's. Signed to Epitaph Records in 1996, the band is well known for its undiluted punk rock sound combined with a sense of humor. They have performed with Green Day, NOFX, and The Mighty Mighty Bosstones, and played a show on SU's campus a couple of years ago. "The Bouncing Souls show was the best show I've seen in Salisbury," says DJ.



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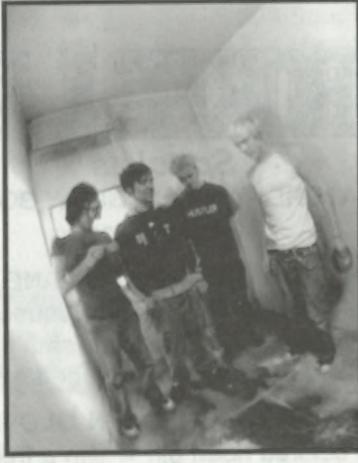


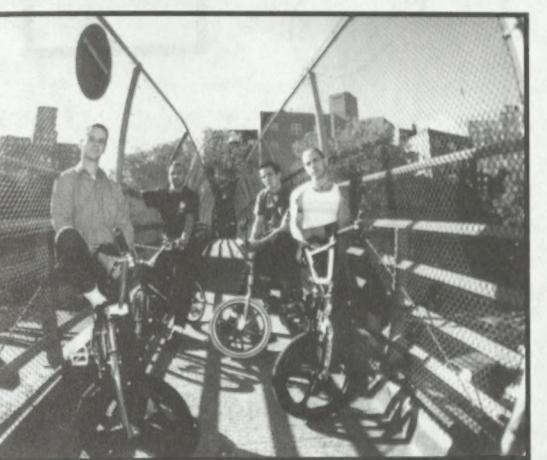
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interaction is very important to MCR, so expect to get involved when they are on stage. Check out their indie-label debut "I Brought You My Bullets, You Brought Me Your Love."

Written Prisms: One of the best bands to come out of Salisbury, the WP's have played gigs in the area nonstop for the past several years and recorded their first album "Inclination." Their blend of hip-hop, jazz, and funk resulted in something never seen before: a hip-hop band that can jam out one minute with improvised music and lyrics, then jump right back into tightly created, homegrown melodies.

Truesetto: Another one of Salisbury's finest, Truesetto won this year's Battle of the Bands amid tough competition and clinched the open Field Day spot. "The Truesetto live

show is a full-on assault of tightness and energy that displays their capability to add the element of rock rawness while remaining true to their recorded sound," says their website truesetto.com. The alt-rock vibe these guys bring is not to be missed.



The Bouncing Souls

Taste of Ink" on MTV and rock radio. The band hails from Orem, Utah, a predominantly Mormon town; their need to break away from such conformity is apparent in their music. This attitude has stuck with them from the bottom, where they dealt with homelessness and drug addiction, straight to the top with the lead singer currently dating Kelly Osbourne, the band getting heavy video and radio rotation, and a new major record label contract. As for the music? "Their effort is palpable in a spray of crash-



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Thrice: This radio-friendly punk band from Irvine, CA tours with The Used and has played throughout the nation, including several Warped Tours. Their 2001 release "The Illusion of Safety" was very successful, and they have been working steadily on their follow up. Downloadable: "A Subtle Dagger" and "Betrayal is a Symptom"

Story of the Year: The unannounced band for this year's Field Day is another band with ties to The Used. After recording their album with band members from Goldfinger, they signed with Maverick/Warner Records and are poised to make a mainstream breakthrough.

My Chemical Romance: Known for their intense performances and stage antics, this group has a serious live show. Crowd

Parking lot opens at 1:00 pm
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Truesetto – 2:50 pm
Blackalicious – 3:40 pm
Story of the Year – 4:45 pm
Written Prisms – 5:35 pm
My Chemical Romance – 6:25 pm
Thrice – 7:15 pm
The Bouncing Souls – 8:05 pm
The Used – 9:10 pm

Field Day XI schedule

The sweet and sour tastes of summer

By Brian Zitzelman

Everyone has been there. Sitting in a theatre about to see a film that, in the trailer at least, looks like it will be totally awesome. Alas, it is just another instance of summer movie syndrome.

It is a universal fact that with each passing summer, while a number of innovative and excellent films emerge, a batch of cliché and pointless sequels will arrive as well. This year continues the trend with a batch of new blockbusters hitting theatres beginning May 2 with "X2."

"I think a lot of them have a hard time living up to the buzz," says freshman Abby Smith. "They look good in the previews but it is rare to find one that actually delivers what is promised. Usually the over promoted ones blow."

Sophomore Jason Welch has run into this problem before as well. "Volcano" was the worst movie in the entire world. The only character in that movie that actually ran from the molten hot lava was a dog."

The appearance of terrible summer sequels continues in June. That month not only brings the sequel of "Fast and the Furious" in "2 Fast 2 Furious" to screens, but it also sees one of the oddest prequels of all time, "When Harry Met Lloyd: Dumb and Dumberer." The movie, starting June 13, does not feature Jim Carrey or Jeff Daniels, the stars of the 1994 original.

While the pain of going to an awful summer sequel can be excruciating to the body and soul, there are a number of major ones hitting between May and August that

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Salisbury Symphony Orchestra concert

The Salisbury Symphony Orchestra at Salisbury University presents its annual spring concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3, in Holloway Hall Auditorium. Conducted by Dr. Thomas G. Elliot, the concert features a number of musical pieces, including "Meditation" from Thais by Jules Massenet, "Blessed Are They" from A German Requiem by Johannes Brahms and "Victory at Sea" and "Flower Drum Song" by Richard Rogers, arranged for orchestra by Robert Russell Bennett. SU tuba music major Justin Henderson solos in "Concerto for Bass Tuba and Orchestra" by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The concert also includes Morton Gould's "American Salute" as a tribute to military personnel returning from overseas. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors over 60 and children 18 and under, and are available at local branches of Peninsula Bank and Bank of Delmarva during normal business hours. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU website.

Cinco de Mayo fiesta

Mexican music, cuisine and dancing lessons highlight Salisbury University's Cinco de Mayo celebration 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, May 5, outdoors between Henson Science Hall and Devilbiss Hall on the SU campus. The event features salsa dancing, a performance by the band Fugas, games and a mystery prize. Mexican foods available include nachos, beef tacos and quesadillas, as well as vegetarian items. The SU Spanish Club sponsors the celebration. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU website.

Conflict resolution workshops

The Salisbury University Center for Conflict Resolution and Center for Professional Development present a series of professional workshops focusing on negotiation and resolution starting Thursday, May 8. The initial topic is "Conflict Resolution" followed by "An Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution Practices" on Wednesday, July 16; "The Dance: The Art of Negotiation" Friday, September 19; and "Advanced Negotiation" Friday, December 5. Workshops are in the Worcester Room

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of the Commons at SU from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Continental breakfasts and mid-day refreshments are included. Program fees are \$90 for each of the first three workshops. Program fee for the final workshop is \$125 and attendance to the prior workshop, "The Dance: The Art of Negotiation," is required. For more information call Kathryn Redden at 410-543-6394 or Carol Brady at 410-548-4481, e-mail kerredden@salisbury.edu or cmbrady@salisbury.edu.

Pulitzer Prize winner Stephen Dunn

As part of its Writers-on-the-Shore series, the Department of English at Salisbury University presents Pulitzer Prize winner Stephen Dunn on Thursday, May 8, at 8 p.m. in the Montgomery Room, Commons building. Dunn, winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Different Hours, has published numerous volumes of poetry including New and Selected Poems 1974-1994 (Norton, 1994) and two volumes of prose including Walking Light: Essays and Memoirs (BOA Editions, 2002). In addition to Dunn's reading, SU poets and fiction writers read from

their work to celebrate the publication of Mid-Atlantic Review. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call Dr. Michael Waters at 410-543-6540.

Maryland Chief's Challenge

The Chief's Challenge is a campaign conducted from April 1 through May 31, 2003, in order for law enforcement agencies to provide Maryland citizens with the knowledge and motivation to achieve a statewide 90 percent safety belt use rate by the end of 2003. For the next two months, large and small-sized law enforcement agencies throughout Maryland will join together to get the citizens they serve to buckle up and properly secure their children in safety seats. The best approach is a proactive approach, which promotes voluntary compliance with the help of the SU community. Look for tables set up in the commons and in Henson hall with a sign-up pledge to always wear a seatbelt. For more information go to the SUPD website www.salisbury.edu/police/

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NFL Draft 2003: the season begins

By Matt Rosati

During last weekend's NFL draft, the Cincinnati Bengals pulled a Tom Petty and showed that even the losers get lucky sometimes. The hiring of ex-Redskin/Raven defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis was the first step in what could be a marathon back to the playoffs. The laughingstock of the NFL took a second step in turning around a dismal franchise with three solid draft picks that could lay the foundation for a playoff run in the future.

Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer went into draft weekend already signed under a multi million-dollar Cincinnati contract. In the second round, the Bengals picked projected first rounder Eric Steinbach, an Iowa offensive lineman who can play both guard and tackle. The Bengals' third pick of the day was a risk, but if it pays off, the drafting of WR Kelley Washington could set up a great QB/WR tandem in the future. Before last season Washington was rated beside Charles Rogers, only to have a neck injury send his draft stock plummeting. With the Bengals proven as the undisputed king of the 2003 draft, I present to you the other winners and losers of the draft.

Worst overall draft: *Arizona Cardinals* - The Cardinals never cease to amaze me on draft weekend. They could have picked the hometown star with Sundevil Terrell Suggs; instead they ended up with Bryant Johnson and Wake Forest DE Calvin Pace. Arizona needed to fill every position, and they spent two first round picks on these guys?

What were they thinking: *Minnesota Vikings* - For the second consecutive year, the Vikings failed to turn their pick in on time. This year it happened after trade talks with the Ravens fell through at the last sec-

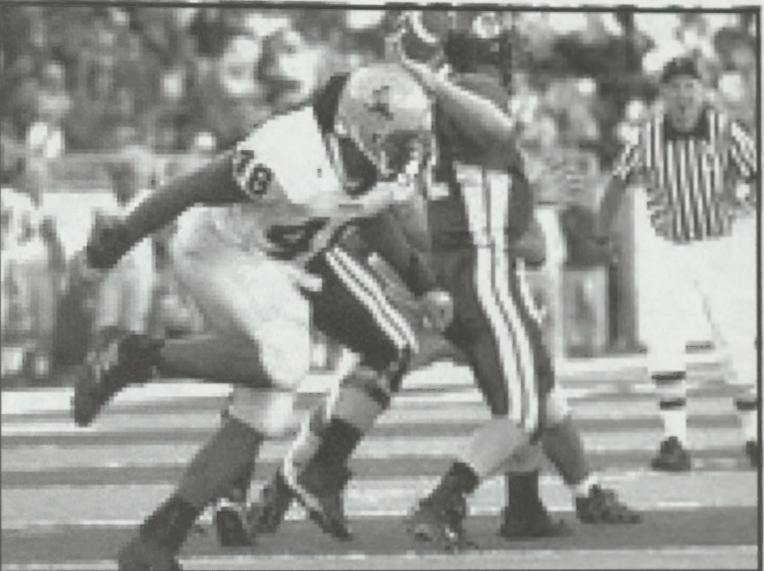


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Ravens top draft pick, Terrell Suggs

ond. The Vikings claim they knew what they were doing all along, waiting to draft Kevin Williams.

Biggest risk: *Wills McGahee* - This guy was a surefire top three pick going into December, but after tearing multiple knee ligaments during the National Championship game his future became unclear. The Bills drafted him with a first round pick that they received from Atlanta, so it was viewed by the franchise as a free pick. McGahee will most likely sit out next season and continue to rehab. In the future he could be a home run back or a waste of a few million dollars.

Sure-fire bust: *Jeff Faine* - He's the center from Notre Dame who's always hurt and always in pain. This guy did not even play a full game against Navy - in fact, he

On a local level the Ravens and Redskins each had unique draft days. Baltimore was able to work a little magic, but it will cost them in the future. They acquired Terrell Suggs who set the single season NCAA sack record and will most likely play weak side DE, opposite of Peter Boulware. Although many draft experts blasted Suggs' will to play and credited his sack record to poor offensive line play, he should fit nicely in the Ravens defensive scheme. With Ray Lewis behind you, anyone would fit nicely on the Ravens defensive side of the ball! The selection of Kyle Boeller fills a need at QB, but it was not worth 2004's first round pick. The Ravens could have taken a big play WR here, but waited until the third round to take Dave Ragone.

The Redskins make this article much easier. After stealing half of the Jets roster, they had to forfeit their first round pick. When the time came to pick in the second, Steve Spurrier picked Florida WR Taylor Jacobs (surprise, surprise). When at Gainesville, the knock against Spurrier was that he never produced players that performed in the NFL; funny thing is he still does not produce NFL players with the Redskins! Jacobs could follow the long line of Florida wash ups. The other Washington pick, OL Derrick Dockery, can best be described by *Pro Football Weekly's* draft report:

"Not real mobile and has some trouble blocking in space. Becomes tentative when he over thinks. Has slow leg drive at times and has trouble sustaining blocks. Does not use his hands well. Lacks consistency and explosion off the ball. Wears down late in games. Hard to figure out because he is aggressive one play and tentative the next."

Following another weak draft, it looks like another long season for the Redskins.

Track & Field successful at CAC championship

By Noah Wood

The men and women's track and field teams took second place at the Capital Athletic Conference Championships at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia on Saturday, April 26.

Both teams took second to Mary Washington College, but easily beat out the other four competitors in the conference (Catholic University of America, Gallaudet University, Goucher College and York College). The men's team score was 197 points (45 points behind Mary Washington), followed by Catholic, Gallaudet, Goucher and York. The women's team score was 114 points (103 points behind Mary Washington College), followed by Goucher, York, Catholic and Gallaudet.

In addition, there were many members of the both teams that earned All-CAC honors, which were gained by placing either first or second in an event. The All-CAC

men were sophomore Tristan Gilbert (won the 1500 meter dash and took second in the 800 meter dash), freshman Kyle Harmon (second in the high jump and fourth in the triple jump), junior Justin Johnson (won the 100 meter high hurdles and the 400 meter hurdles, and was second in the 400 meter dash), sophomore Josh Payton (second in the 100 meter dash and third in the 200 meter dash), senior Beau Ridgway (second in the shot put), sophomore Tim Robinson (second in the javelin), the 4X100 meter relay team (second), the 4X400 meter relay team (a hard-fought first place over Mary Washington by a mere second) and sophomore Brad Ellis had an outstanding triple (first in the 3000 meter steeplechase, second in the 400 meter hurdles, and third in the 5000 meter run).

"I was really happy with my individual performances. I actually shocked myself with some of it," said Ellis. "It was also

nice to see everyone competing as well as they did and everyone supporting each other."

Similar to the men's team, the women's team had plenty of its members earn All-CAC honors. Among them were freshman Sarah Hynes (winner of the 800 meter dash), sophomore Melissa Lewis (first in the hammer throw with a school record of 121 feet and 3 inches, and third in the javelin), sophomore Tori Peddicord (winner of the 200 meter dash and second in the 400 meter dash), freshman Dana Sillers (second in the triple jump), the 4X100 meter relay and 4X400 meter relay teams were both second and freshman Amy Lang, winner of the 5000 meter run with a personal best time of 19:51.47.

"It was a great day. We all pulled out some awesome performances," said Lang. "I'm so happy with my race and couldn't have done it without my team's help."

Both teams competed very well and the competition seemed to bring out the best of the tenacious Sea Gulls. Head coach Jim Jones expressed his contentment with both his teams' persistence, especially on how well they fought in close competition with Mary Washington.

"I'm pleased with the way we competed today," said Jones after the meet. "We had some outstanding performances."

The track and field season is coming to an end with the rest of the semester, and everyone seems to be peaking well for the championship meets. Next weekend the Sea Gulls will be challenged at the Mason-Dixon Outdoor Championships at Christopher Newport University, but if the Sea Gulls fight and persist like they did at the CAC's this past weekend, they will be able to respond to the challenges that the Championships will bring.

Lebron or Carmelo: is there a question?

Editorial
Sean Iannucci

For months high school phenom Lebron James has not only been the anticipated #1 pick in the 2003 NBA draft, he has been prematurely crowned heir to the league's *Throne of Jordan*. The 6'8 forward who plays like a man amongst boys has recently received a surprise opponent, however; a national champion orangeman will force second thoughts for the franchise who lands the winning ball in the May 22 lottery.

Syracuse freshman Carmelo Anthony has decided to place his 2003 NCAA championship and tournament MVP award on the table, causing unexpected discussions about the supposed "crystal-clear" top pick amongst analysts and fans. Not only has the debate grown since Anthony led Syracuse to its first national championship, it has become extremely intensified since his April 24 declaration of eligibility for the June 26 draft.

Since Kevin Garnett declared himself eligible as Farragut Academy senior in 1995, there has been a high schooler in every NBA draft. The growing trend for NBA



Lebron James



Carmelo Anthony

Photo by AP press

stay or should I go' question slumped, Carmelo Anthony remained focused on winning, a state of mind that has boosted his draft stock just as much as his incredible athleticism.

The answer- James must be taken with the number one pick. There is simply too much hype, too much risk of embarrassment and too much excitement surrounding Lebron. The Portland Trailblazers were the last team to surpass Michael Jordan in the 1984 draft, and the "what if's" have not stopped 20 years

later. If Lebron James does not become what everyone thought he would be, then you made the same mistake 90 percent of the NBA community would have with the first pick of 2003. If Lebron does become God in a pair of high-tops, and you did not pick him, then the Portland curse of Sam Bowie will be forgotten forever.

Sea Gull Sports Beat: Four Teams Win CAC Championship

By Sean Iannucci

Men's Lax – The Sea Gulls blasted Mary Washington 26-1 on Sunday, April 27 to win their ninth straight conference championship. Salisbury received goals from an amazing 14 different players; Chris Phillips and Corey O'Neil finished with three goals each while Josh Bergey finished with two goals and three assists. The Sea Gulls are now 14-1 and earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship Tournament with the victory.

Women's Lax – The Sea Gulls defeated Mary Washington 7-6 on Sunday, April 27 to capture the CAC championship and extend their winning streak to a record-tying 10 games. Linda Ackerman netted three goals while Jessica White added two. The Sea Gulls are now 12-1 and finish the regular season at Rowan on Friday.

Softball – The Sea Gulls won two games on Sunday, April 27 to capture the CAC championship for the seventh straight season. Lacey Lister and Katie Mullinix beat Mary Washington, 6-0, and York, 13-0, to improve their stellar records to 18-1 and 17-2 respectively. Lisa Gentilella, Erin Ruest, Kristy Shaffer and Mullinix all added big hitting performances in the team's dual shutouts. The Sea Gulls are now 35-3-1 and look forward to the National tournament.

Womens Tennis – The Sea Gulls won the CAC championship in Fredericksburg, VA on Sunday, April 27. Jody Cogar (7-5, 7-5), Sam Coldren (6-1, 6-2) and Heather Tyng (6-2, 6-3) all won their respective singles championship matches. In doubles Cogar and Coldren, Tyng and Cassie Meyer, and Gen Lowe and Sam Smiles all won their championship matches. The Sea Gulls finish the regular season 10-6.

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